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Please consider and enter this response to the Office Action mailed April 5, 2004.

RESTRICTION RESPONSE

The Office Action imposed a restriction requirement and segregated the claims into three groups. Applicant elects Group III (claims 31-35 and 36-40) for further prosecution.

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